

What is Claimed is:

1. An image forming method used for a color printer in which two gradation pattern images based on different two color input information are laid one over the other to record a color image, wherein two colors, namely a primary color for recording a first gradation pattern image and a secondary color for recording a second gradation pattern image to be recorded on the primary color recorded-image, are selected from among a plurality of color inks, a first screen angle to be used for primary color recording is determined and the first gradation pattern image is recorded, and then a second screen angle to be used for recording secondary color recording is determined based on the first screen angle and the second gradation pattern image is recorded.

2. The image forming method used for a color printer according to claim 1, wherein angular difference between the first screen angle and the second screen angle is adjusted in a range from 20 degrees to 40 degrees.